
Introduced by Senator Scott

February 21, 2003

An act to amend Section 20400 of the Elections Code, relating to elections.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 724, as introduced, Scott. Candidates: campaign practices.

Existing law establishes the Code of Fair Campaign Practices for the purposes of giving voters guidelines in determining fair play and to encourage candidates to discuss issues instead of untruths or distortions. Existing law provides a form by which candidates for elective office may voluntarily subscribe to the code.

This bill would require the Secretary of State, on his or her Internet Web site, to identify candidates who have voluntarily subscribed to the code.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 20400 of the Elections Code is amended
2 to read:
3 20400. (a) The Legislature declares that the purpose of this
4 chapter is to encourage every candidate for public office in this
5 state to subscribe to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices.
6 (b) It is the ultimate intent of the Legislature that every
7 candidate for public office in this state who subscribes to the Code
8 of Fair Campaign Practices will follow the basic principles of
9 decency, honesty, and fair play in order that, after vigorously



1 contested, but fairly conducted campaigns, the citizens of this state
2 may exercise their constitutional right to vote, free from dishonest
3 and unethical practices which tend to prevent the full and free
4 expression of the will of the voters.

5 (c) The purpose in creating the Code of Fair Campaign
6 Practices is to give voters guidelines in determining fair play and
7 to encourage candidates to discuss issues instead of untruths or
8 distortions.

9 (d) *To further the purposes of the Code of Fair Campaign*
10 *Practices and to encourage every candidate for public office in this*
11 *state to subscribe to it, the Secretary of State shall cause to be*
12 *posted a declaration identifying all candidates who have*
13 *voluntarily subscribed to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices, on*
14 *the Secretary's Internet Web site where the certified list of*
15 *candidates is displayed.*

